

# **LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**LINCOLN, RI 02865**

**DATE: September 11, 2006**

**TIME: 5:30pm – Study Session - Open**

**PLACE: Town Hall Chambers**

**100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Jeffrey Weiss, Chair; Mary Ann Roll, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; John Lafleur, Betty Robson and Julie Zito. Gerard St. Germain was absent.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent, Lori Miller, and Ben Scungio, Esq.

**Motion by Roll to open the meeting. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Valerie Forte, Lisa Blais, and Mark Colburn gave the background about Ed Partnership. They are funded by 50 businesses statewide, including the RI Roundtable.**

**The School Committee members gave their background, as well as, Lori Miller.**

**A handout was given to review Ed Partnership's goals.**

**Blais spoke to Miller and suggested the School Committee look at cost drivers from different perspectives. Blais will present in a new perspective. She said it is important to look at history. Referring to the handout, Blais said she believes this work will build consensus.**

**Colburn said the School Committee started the process early. Data confesses strengths and weaknesses. Helps frame the framework for discussion.**

**Blais said benchmark and historical data is important. It's always useful to know what other districts are doing. We should pick five (5) school districts to compare and we should use "like districts".**

**Scungio asked if we get to give Ed Partnership the districts to compare the data with. Yes, but we haven't been asked to do that yet. He asked if Ed Partnership has looked at the RIASSA data base? Blais doesn't lean on other people's data. She would rather take the responsibility and use in-house data.**

**Colburn said #4 on the handout, entitled "The Education Partnership Analytical Process" is a compensation model.**

**No. 7 – Proposal discusses the Financial Analysis and Cost Drivers. They will only provide private citizens material that the School Committee has requested created. Ed Partnership does not interview**

people.

Weiss said they don't have a good understanding of how much different components cost. It would be nice to know them.

Lafleur asked what is Miller's job. Does the Union provide a mirror image. Miller is the data source and the Union doesn't keep data like this.

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Weiss said it's the School Committee's decision with whom they share information with. Scungio asked if Ed Partnership will review the drafts with the School Committee prior to releasing the data to all. They will sit down first with Miller and the School Committee.

Robson said some of this information could be detrimental to the School Committee. They said it would be our choice whether or not we share the information. Scungio said two reports could be done.

Forte will help with the report when the School Committee goes public.

Zito asked the lifespan for the cost driver analysis. Blais said we can stick with you. They can discuss this further, at another presentation.

**Miller is concerned about the cost. She asked Ed Partnership if they are the sole source. She is concerned about the Municipal Purchasing Law. They said they are the sole source.**

**Lafleur asked the timeline. Blais said two-to-three months. Weiss said it would be longer because it is budget season for Miller.**

**Scungio asked if they will update the information at the end of the year. Ed Partnership said there would be an additional fee.**

**Motion to adjourn by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK      DATE**